

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 5, 2019  
6:00 PM**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Bob Gaglione, Marty Hura, Paula Tubalkain, Dave Sluka, Scott Weaver and Ben Prescott.

**Other Village Personnel:** Linda Clark, Mayor; Clerk- Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck; Village Administrator, John Trew; Police Chief Joe Urso; K9 Ciko.

**Citizens Present:** Kim Ule, Brian and Sheila Perkins from the Potato Festival.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Clark explained to Council that tonight's Special meeting is for Council to consider having another K9 Officer. We can use the previous K9 vehicle that was used with Vader who recently passed away. The Chief is already getting donations.

Chief Urso had K9 Ciko at the meeting to meet the Administration. His goal is to raise \$6,000. He said the cost of Ciko is \$5,100.00. The other \$900 will be for Ciko's vest and supplies. The Mantua Veterinary Clinic has already agreed to take care of his medical needs. Rather than the specialty dog food that we previously had to buy, Ciko will be eating Bil-Jack which the K9 school offers at a discounted rate.

Marty Hura asked if Ciko must be licensed. Chief Urso said yes, but as long as he is a Police Service dog, there is no fee.

- ❖ Motion to allow the Chief to purchase Ciko and continue the K9 program by Ben Prescott, seconded by Dave Sluka. All ayes on vote.

**Citizens:**

At this time Brian Perkins and Kim Ule representing the Potato Festival said that on behalf of the Potato Festival they would like to donate \$800 towards the purchase of Ciko. Kim is the new Chair of the Potato Festival and she presented Chief Urso with the check.

**Adjournment**

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 6:08 by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. -All Ayes on vote.

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Mayor Linda Clark

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Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON THE 2020 APPROPRIATIONS  
MINUTES  
November 5, 2019  
6:10 PM**

Mayor Clark called the workshop to order at 6:10 pm

**Roll Call:** Bob Gaglione, Marty Hura, Paula Tubalkain, Dave Sluka, Scott Weaver and Ben Prescott.

**Other Village Personnel:** Linda Clark, Mayor; Clerk- Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck; Village Administrator, John Trew; Police Chief Joe Urso;

**Citizens Present:** None

**Discussion: The 2020 Appropriations**

**PROPOSED CHANGES FROM THE 11-5-2019 APPROPRIATION WORKSHOP:**

Page 1: Police benefits will need to be increased from \$28,000 to \$40,000. (This is to accommodate the S.R.O. being full time. This is based on a 35-40 year-old single male that is a possible candidate.) To offset this increase, Joe has reduced Officer wages from \$120,000 to \$118,000. He also reduced telephone charges from \$32,000 to \$26,000. He reduced Dispatch Operating from \$25,000 to \$24,250. Lastly, he reduced motor vehicle maintenance from \$12,000 to \$8,000 based on having newer vehicles.

After more discussion about Joe being authorized to add another full time officer, he will need an additional \$15,000 for medical benefits. These two additional full time Officers will also increase the OP & F retirement contribution significantly. (\$10,000) He will need another \$25,000 for the additional medical and OP & F. Council will consider not doing the annual ordinance that transfers any profit made from the school for SRO charges to the Police Capital fund. That is typically \$5,000 per year.

Page 2: Parks OPERS should be increased to \$5,500 and Medicare should be increased from \$400 to \$600 to accommodate the increased wages. If the Service department is authorized to hire another full time employee, the medical benefits will also need to eventually be increased with wages.

In the Village Administrator section, wages can be reduced from \$24,000 to \$20,000 since John is now part time. OPERS can be reduced from \$5,700 to \$2,800. Uniforms for \$200 and training for \$1,000 can also be removed. Savings of \$8,900.

Page 3: Reduce Clerk-Treasurer wages to \$44,975. Remove \$13,000 for Assistant Clerk. Increase medical benefits from \$9,000 to \$14,500. Remove \$400 from unemployment. Total savings of \$8, 925.

Page 4: No changes

Page 5: Total will change

Page 6: In Streets, change medical to \$18,000. There was also discussion on setting up a Capital fund for the Matts Road bridge. The additional gas tax revenue due to the HB increase will be deposited into this fund when gas tax revenues come in. Jenny will check with Local Gov't Services to see how to set it up while staying compliant.

Page 7: In Cemetery, Linda thought Contractual Services should be \$11,500. After some discussion, under Cemetery revenues the \$15,000 received from Interest from the Trust is \$11,000 for mowing and \$4,000 for the Ram 5500 truck payment. There is \$9500 appropriated for Trust requests (mowing) and \$4,080 for the truck. This means that the \$1,500 for Contractual Services is correct. If we change it to \$11,500 we are spending more than we are taking in. We do have unappropriated funds of \$7,000 in Cemetery. If Council chooses, you might consider appropriating it for things that were discussed such a partial amount for a new chipper or lot markers.

Page 8: No changes at this time, but John is working on storm water management. That will create the need to establish a special revenue fund. When that happens, we will amend revenues and appropriations.

Page 9: In Police Capital, we may not be having transfers in if the School Resource Officer profit stays in the General Fund.

Capital projects fund 4905, Council designated the St. Gobain tax overpayment to street improvements, but this can be amended. It has to be something for the betterment of the village. The Service Department needs a new chipper. John is going to look into grants through Bureau of Workers Compensation, but part of the cost may be able to come from this fund.

Page 10, 11, 12, and 13 had no changes but could be eliminated if the plants go to the County.

Page 14: The totals will change with these amendments.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm by Ben Prescott, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.

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Mayor Linda Clark

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Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer